

LD 1854 Choice Model Components

Pursuant to LD 1854, the stakeholder group shall consider the following:	The proposed choice model should achieve the following goals:	What does the group need for information in order to develop recommendations around this issue?	Stakeholder Group Recommendations
1. <u>An overall purpose for providing school choice options</u> (Added as an issue by members of the stakeholder group)	<i>Provide all students with additional learning opportunities (Is this realistic? If we can't provide <u>all</u> students with more choice, should goal be to simply provide more opportunities to as many as possible?)</i>		
2. <u>Transportation</u>	Approach should ensure that transportation is as minimal a barrier as possible.	Review of how choice options in other states deal with the transportation issue.	
3. <u>Funding</u>	Goal should be to address funding concerns to the greatest extent possible.	Review Maine's school funding model, review how choice options in other states are funded.	
4. <u>Educating disadvantaged children</u>	Goal should be to ensure that choice options are available to as many students as possible, regardless of socioeconomic status.	Review of how choice models in other states deal with the issue of SES as a barrier.	
5. <u>Educating and transporting children receiving special education services</u>	Goal should be to ensure students have access to the special education services to which they are entitled while respecting parental choice.	Clarification of how special education law treats parental choice	

6. <u>Impact on school programming</u> (Added as an issue by members of the stakeholder group)	?(Goal here?)	Review of how schools and districts in areas where choice is available modify school programming to deal with choice.	
7. <u>The impact on students and families of a lack of school choice options</u> (Added as an issue by members of the stakeholder group)	?(Goal here?)	Review research on effect of school choice on student achievement(?)	
8. <u>Impact on property taxpayers</u> (Added as an issue by members of the stakeholder group)	Goal should be to minimize the impact that choice options have on property taxpayers.	Review of how choice options in other states are funded.	
9. <u>Local control/governance issues.</u> (Added as an issue by members of the stakeholder group)	?(Goal here?)	Review how choice options in other states work in terms of governance.	